

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel Claim 14 without prejudice.

1. (currently amended) An information carrier ~~(1)~~ provided with a storage unit ~~(9)~~,  
an integrated circuit ~~(10)~~, and  
a first ~~(31)~~ and a second coupling element ~~(32)~~ for the transfer of data and energy between a base station ~~(50)~~ and the integrated circuit ~~(10)~~,  
which first and second coupling element ~~(31, 32)~~ in the operational state are each coupled to both the base station ~~(50)~~ and the integrated circuit ~~(10)~~,  
and which coupling elements ~~(31, 32)~~ are coupled contactlessly to the base station ~~(50)~~, while the first coupling element ~~(31)~~ is coupled to the integrated circuit ~~(10)~~ by capacitive coupling.
2. (currently amended) An information carrier ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the first ~~(31)~~ and the second coupling element ~~(32)~~ are coupled to the base station ~~(50)~~ by means of capacitive coupling.
3. (currently amended) An information carrier ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the first ~~(31)~~ and the second coupling element ~~(32)~~ are coupled to the base station ~~(50)~~ by means of inductive coupling, for which purpose the first coupling element ~~(31)~~ is at least partly spiraling in shape, and the second coupling element ~~(32)~~ is in electrical contact with the first.

4. (currently amended) An information carrier  $\langle 1 \rangle$  as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the second coupling element  $\langle 32 \rangle$  is coupled to the integrated circuit  $\langle 10 \rangle$  by means of capacitive coupling.

5. (currently amended) An information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the information carrier  $\langle 1 \rangle$  is constructed as a disc, and in that information stored in the storage unit  $\langle 9 \rangle$  is optically readable.

6. (currently amended) An information carrier as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the disc comprises:

[-] an information-carrying layer  $\langle 3 \rangle$  provided with the storage unit  $\langle 9 \rangle$ ,

[-] a metal layer  $\langle 4 \rangle$  serving as one of the coupling elements,

[-] a protective layer of electrically insulating material  $\langle 2 \rangle$ , and

[-] a layer  $\langle 22 \rangle$  of electrically insulating material serving as the other coupling element, which layer is electrically insulated from the metal layer  $\langle 4 \rangle$ ,

wherein the integrated circuit  $\langle 10 \rangle$  is present between the metal layer  $\langle 4 \rangle$  and the layer  $\langle 2 \rangle$  of electrically insulating material.

7. (currently amended) An information carrier as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that

an inner, an intermediate, and an outer ring are present on the disc, which rings are concentric,

the metal layer  $\langle 4 \rangle$  is present in the intermediate and the outer ring, and

the layer of electrically conductive material  $\langle 22 \rangle$  is present in the inner and the intermediate ring.

8. (currently amended) An information carrier as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the disc comprises an inner ring and an outer ring of conductive material, which inner ring is one of the coupling elements ~~(31, 32)~~, while the outer ring is the other coupling element ~~(32, 31)~~.

9. (currently amended) An information carrier as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the conductive material is provided in the form of a conductive ink.

10. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising  
a device for reading out information from the storage unit ~~(9)~~ of an information carrier ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 2, and  
a base station ~~(50)~~ with a first and a second capacitor plate ~~(54, 55)~~ for the transfer of data and energy from and to the integrated circuit ~~(10)~~, by means of which capacitor plates ~~(54, 55)~~ the base station in the operational state is coupled to the first and the second coupling element ~~(31, 32)~~ by means of capacitive coupling.

11. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that  
the apparatus is suitable for use with the information carrier ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 5,  
the information carrier ~~(1)~~ is clamped in between a carrier body ~~(51)~~ and a compression body ~~(52)~~ in operational state,  
the first capacitor plate ~~(54)~~ forms part of the carrier body ~~(51)~~, and  
the second capacitor plate ~~(55)~~ forms part of the compression body ~~(52)~~.

12. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that

the apparatus is provided with a first carrier body ~~(31)~~ for the information carrier as claimed in claim 5,

the carrier body ~~(31)~~ has an inner ring and an outer ring, which rings are concentric,

the first capacitor plate ~~(54)~~ lies inside the inner ring, and the second capacitor plate ~~(55)~~ lies inside the outer ring.

13. (currently amended) A system of

an information carrier ~~(1)~~ provided with a storage unit ~~(9)~~, an integrated circuit ~~(10)~~, and a first and a second coupling element ~~(31, 32)~~, and

an apparatus ~~(40)~~ provided with a device ~~(60)~~ for reading information from the storage unit ~~(9)~~ of the information carrier ~~(1)~~, ~~further comprising~~

a base station ~~(50)~~ with a first and a second capacitor plate ~~(54, 55)~~ for the transfer of data and energy from and to the integrated circuit ~~(10)~~ of the information carrier ~~(1)~~,

which first and second coupling element ~~(31, 32)~~ in the operational state are each coupled to both the base station ~~(50)~~ and the integrated circuit ~~(10)~~,

wherein said coupling elements ~~(31, 32)~~ are coupled to the base station ~~(50)~~ by means of capacitive coupling, and wherein the first coupling element ~~(31)~~ is coupled to the integrated circuit ~~(10)~~ by means of capacitive coupling.

14. (cancelled)